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Mr. Charles A. Peters
 Deputy Commissioner for Buildings Management
 Public Buildings Administration
 Room 5614, Interior Building
 19th and D Streets, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Peters:

It has been called to my attention that on the evening of 15 February 1949, PBA Guard Robert O. Teppett was largely responsible for the prompt extinguishing of a fire which originated in a wooden Navy building in close proximity to one of our own buildings in the vicinity of 23rd Street and Constitution Avenue. I am informed that Guard Teppett detected the blaze, immediately notified the Guard Office in the New State Building, and then attracted the attention of occupants of an adjacent building who, with the aid of an extinguisher provided by Guard Teppett, were successful in bringing the blaze under control before the arrival of the city fire apparatus.

The prompt action on the part of Guard Teppett was undoubtedly responsible for the prevention of very extensive damage which would probably have resulted had the fire not been so quickly detected. In this instance Guard Teppett displayed exceptional qualities of alertness, promptness, coolness in an emergency, and the ability to take direct and decisive action without deserting his post. His efficient handling of this matter reflects great credit, not alone to himself, but to your organization, as well.

I am pleased to take cognisance of Guard Teppett's efforts and to commend him for the performance of a duty well done.

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Very truly yours,

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